(c) and (d). Interaction between Government and the various agencies for accelerating exports is a continuous process and remedial measures are taken from time to time based on the suggestions of these agencies including Export Promotion Councils

Conference on Investment Opportunities

415. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Prime Minister inaugurated two day conclave titled "Destination India-Global Summit on Investment Opportunities";

(b) if so, whether this conference was organised by Ministry of Industry and FICCI;

(c) whether the conference was successful in bringing together 500 businessmen from India and abroad;

(d) the main decision arrived at in the conference;

(e) the number of foreign investors attended the conference; and

(f) the decision taken and steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Ministry of Industry, in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, organised a Global Summit on Investment Opportunities in India on September 10-11, 1996 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. It was attended by about 100 foreign delegates and around 400 Indian delegates.

(d) to (f). The Summit which was attended by about 100 foreign delegates was intended to evolve a cross-fertilisation of ideas and suggestions to buttress the on-going process of promoting further investment opportunities in the country and to provide special focus on six thrust sectors namely, Information technology, Computer software, Energy-Power, hydrocarbon and non-conventional energy sources, Transport Infrastructure, Agri business and food processing, Financial Services, and Environmental Technologies. The suggestions received from the participants provided valuable input for Government's continuing effort to promote investment and to update policy.

[Translation]

Pension Scheme in Allahabad Bank

416. SHRI PITAMBAR PASWAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Allahabad Bank has implemented the new pension scheme in its all branches and started paying pension to widows of its employees in accordance with this scheme;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that Sultanpur branch of the bank has not yet implemented the new pension scheme; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The bank has informed that it has implemented the new pension scheme in respect of all branches including Sultanpur branch.

KVIC

417. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on bee-keeping by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and other such agencies during the last three years;

(b) whether a survey has been carried out about the protection of bee-keeping Industry in various States of the country particularly in Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The details of total amount spent on bee-keeping by KVIC during the last three years is :

Year	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1993-94	74.52
1994-95	52.73
1995-96	155.90

(b) No, Sir. No such survey has been carried out in the recent past about the protection of bee-keeping Industry in various states of the country particularly in Maharashtra.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Import of Coal from Australia

418. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to import coal from Australia;

(b) if so, whether any trade delegation from Australia visited the country recently in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the discussions held with Australian delegation; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Coal can be freely imported under the present Export and Import Policy. Imports, if any, are to be made by the consumers themselves considering their needs and exercising their own commercial judgement.

(b) to (d) An Australian delegation visiting India in the first week of November 1996 had discussion in this Ministry. The discussions were on matters of mutual interest in the coal sector. This included discussions on coal mining technology, exploration, utilisation and beneficiation of coal among other subject.

Import of Coking Coal

419 SHRI HARIN PATHAK :
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for the production of coking and non-coking coal separately during 1995-96 alongwith the details of the actual production;

(b) the names of the coal companies which were unable to meet the target fixed for production and the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantum of coking and non-coking coal imported during each of the last three years, separately; and

(d) the locations of the Low Temperature Carbonisation plants set up in the country so far and the future plan of action to set up these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Target for coking coal and non-coking coal and achievement during 1995-96 in respect of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) are as under :

(Million Tonnes)

Grade	Target	Actual
Coking	41.62	34.63
Non-coking	227.38	229.23

(b) Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL), Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) could not achieve the production target mainly due to inadequate availability of power from DVC and unprecedented rains in Sept. 1995, bandhs and economic blockades and non-availability of forest land for on-going projects particularly of CCL. In case of SCCL, coal production was seriously affected due to two major strikes in April-May 1995 and October-November, 1995.

(c) According to the statistics available in the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, the total quantity of various types of coal imported into the country during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 were as follows :

(In lakh tonnes)
(Data provisional)

Year	Coking Coal	Non-coking Coal	Other coals including various types of coke of coals etc	Total
1993-94	69.36	3.93	1.77	75.06
1994-95	101.58	5.74	6.60	113.92
1995-96	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	132.26

(Grade-wise break up of imports for 1995-96 are not available)

(d) One Low Temperature Coal Carbonisation plant belonging to CIL is situated in Dankuni (West Bengal). At present CIL has no proposal to set up Low Temperature Carbonisation plants.

Export made by EPZs

420 SHRI SAMIK LAHIRI :
SHRI K.P. NAIDU :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage share of export by Export Processing Zones in comparison to the toal export by the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the total earning made from exports through Export Processing Zones during each of the last three years, zone-wise;

(c) the target set for the current financial year; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the export from Export Processing Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The percentage share of export from Export Processing Zones (EPZs) in comparison to the total exports by the country during the last 3 years is indicated below :

Year	Percentage share
1993-94	2.81
1994-95	3.21
1995-96	3.04

(b) Zone-wise export earnings during the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement.

(c) The export target set for the EPZs during 1996-97 is Rs. 4050 crores.